

THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

The purpose of the Food Stamp Program is to raise the nutritional level of low income households by supplementing their available food purchasing dollars with food coupons. Information regarding nutrition and budgeting is available to participants to assist them in choosing a nutritionally sound diet with limited income. Program participants are entitled to use their food coupons at the retailer of their choice and choose foods based on their own preferences. However, retailers must be federally approved to accept food stamps and non-food items may not be legally purchased with food coupons.

In order to qualify for food stamp benefits applicants/participants must meet both non-financial and financial requirements. Non-financial requirements are such things as state residency, citizenship/alien status, work registration and cooperation with IMPACT program. Financial criteria are income and asset limits. If an applicant is eligible based on the federally established financial and non-financial requirements, the allotment of food coupons they receive is based on their household size and net monthly income after all allowable deductions are subtracted.

The Food Stamp Program is a 100 percent federally funded program which is administered through each state. Federal regulations which govern implementation of the program are developed by the United States Department of Agriculture, Food Nutrition Services section pursuant to federal legislation. In Indiana, the Family & Social Services Administration is responsible for ensuring that these federal regulations are initially implemented and consistently applied in each county. The local Office of the Division of Family and Children in each of the ninety-two Indiana counties has the responsibility for processing applications, certifying eligible applicants for participation, and issuing benefits.

FOOD STAMP STANDARD

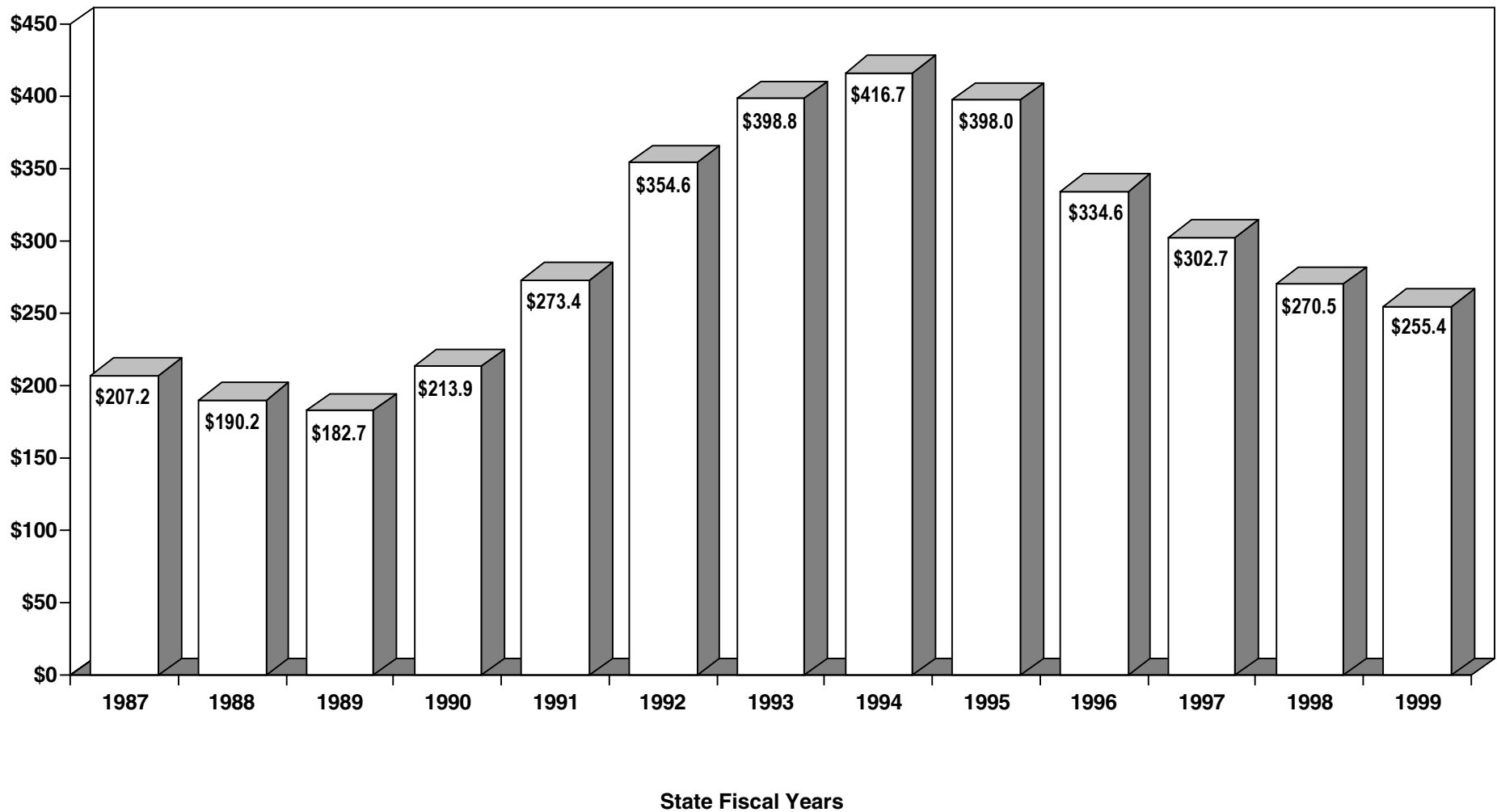
FAMILY SIZE MONTHLY	EFFECTIVE 10-1-96 MAXIMUM FOOD STAMPS ALLOTMENT
1	\$125
2	230
3	329
4	419
5	497
6	597
7	659
8	754
9	848
10	942

Each additional person is allotted \$94.

Indiana Family & Social Services Administration

Total Value Of Food Stamps Issued For State Fiscal Years 1987-1999

Millions Of Dollars



Note: The Food Stamp Program is 100% Federally Funded.

INDIANA FAMILY AND SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
AVERAGE MONTHLY PERSONS AND TOTAL DOLLARS ISSUED BY COUNTY
FOR THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM FOR THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 1999

COUNTY	AVERAGE PERSONS SFY1999	TOTAL DOLLARS SFY1999
Adams	832	\$634,629
Allen	15,175	\$13,404,447
Bartholomew	2,571	\$2,031,755
Benton	211	\$139,035
Blackford	900	\$710,510
Boone	837	\$633,431
Brown	467	\$350,115
Carroll	444	\$328,146
Cass	1,715	\$1,284,687
Clark	4,410	\$3,423,910
Clay	1,346	\$1,032,188
Clinton	1,103	\$838,952
Crawford	910	\$630,287
Daviess	1,444	\$1,011,841
Dearborn	1,348	\$1,041,209
Decatur	934	\$660,609
Dekalb	656	\$484,557
Delaware	8,081	\$6,652,409
Dubois	495	\$317,872
Elkhart	7,382	\$6,186,196
Fayette	1,678	\$1,308,233
Floyd	3,835	\$3,175,350
Fountain	612	\$409,826
Franklin	662	\$499,817
Fulton	697	\$479,903
Gibson	1,055	\$785,351
Grant	5,256	\$4,229,481
Greene	1,308	\$923,374
Hamilton	1,579	\$1,305,141
Hancock	884	\$687,141
Harrison	1,429	\$1,053,472
Hendricks	1,262	\$1,033,911
Henry	2,712	\$2,144,666
Howard	4,370	\$3,659,639
Huntington	1,062	\$787,383
Jackson	1,460	\$1,098,117
Jasper	894	\$712,599
Jay	706	\$513,497
Jefferson	1,557	\$1,196,408
Jennings	940	\$646,609
Johnson	2,385	\$1,919,166
Knox	3,268	\$2,576,795
Kosciusko	981	\$714,438
Lagrange	378	\$265,850
Lake	48,537	\$46,232,512
Laporte	5,743	\$4,862,681
Lawrence	1,898	\$1,368,107

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COUNTY	AVERAGE PERSONS SFY1999	TOTAL DOLLARS SFY1999
Madison	7,499	\$6,089,990
Marion	55,167	\$50,830,344
Marshall	1,063	\$806,455
Martin	541	\$400,100
Miami	1,665	\$1,256,056
Monroe	4,111	\$3,348,376
Montgomery	1,607	\$1,305,758
Morgan	2,566	\$1,985,251
Newton	656	\$543,969
Noble	775	\$569,686
Ohio	110	\$78,202
Orange	1,398	\$972,987
Owen	1,085	\$861,704
Parke	855	\$651,667
Perry	655	\$474,679
Pike	653	\$458,186
Porter	3,280	\$2,824,318
Posey	1,242	\$988,003
Pulaski	610	\$443,693
Putnam	948	\$727,411
Randolph	1,552	\$1,221,092
Ripley	745	\$536,752
Rush	654	\$506,455
St. Joseph	16,565	\$15,108,940
Scott	1,921	\$1,464,443
Shelby	1,262	\$988,327
Spencer	654	\$446,893
Starke	1,370	\$1,054,831
Steuben	708	\$554,750
Sullivan	1,620	\$1,236,994
Switzerland	385	\$275,726
Tippecanoe	4,476	\$3,801,988
Tipton	445	\$314,895
Union	276	\$177,350
Vanderburgh	13,006	\$10,673,179
Vermillion	682	\$478,402
Vigo	8,153	\$6,515,900
Wabash	810	\$618,076
Warren	201	\$122,071
Warrick	1,368	\$998,496
Washington	1,441	\$1,066,188
Wayne	4,708	\$3,682,182
Wells	484	\$363,934
White	993	\$746,105
Whitley	507	\$396,337
TOTALS	299,879	\$255,353,393

Monthly Food Stamp Participating Persons And Households For State Fiscal Years 1990-1999 (Monthly Caseload)

The graph displays two data series over time from 1989 to 1999. The top series, labeled 'PERSONS', starts at 300 in 1989, rises to a peak of 540 in 1994, and then declines to 300 by 1999. The bottom series, labeled 'HOUSEHOLDS', starts at 100 in 1989, rises to a peak of 200 in 1994, and then declines to 125 by 1999. Both series show a similar pattern of growth until 1994, followed by a decline. The x-axis is labeled 'State Fiscal Years' and the y-axis is labeled 'PERSONS' and 'HOUSEHOLDS'.

Year	Persons	Households
1989	300	100
1990	335	115
1991	405	140
1992	475	165
1993	505	185
1994	540	200
1995	490	190
1996	400	155
1997	355	140
1998	320	130
1999	300	125

Map of Indiana showing the percentage of the population aged 65 and over by county. The map uses a grayscale color scheme where darker shades represent higher percentages. A legend indicates that areas shaded gray represent 5.0% or more. The state average is 5.0%.

County	Percentage
Lake	10.1
Porter	2.3
Laporte	5.2
St. Joseph	6.3
Elkhart	4.0
Lagrange	1.1
Steuben	2.2
Noble	1.8
Dekalb	1.7
Marshall	2.3
Kosciusko	1.5
Whitley	1.6
Allen	4.8
Starke	5.5
Pulaski	4.9
Fulton	3.5
Wabash	2.4
Huntington	2.6
Wells	1.9
Adams	2.5
White	3.9
Cass	4.2
Carroll	1.9
Miami	4.7
Grant	7.1
Blackford	6.5
Jay	3.4
Tipton	2.5
Madison	5.6
Delaware	6.8
Randolph	5.8
Warren	2.3
Tippecanoe	3.3
Clinton	3.3
Boone	2.0
Hamilton	0.9
Montgomery	4.7
Henry	5.6
Wayne	6.5
Fountain	3.0
Parke	5.0
Hendricks	1.2
Marion	6.6
Hancock	1.6
Union	3.8
Putnam	2.6
Morgan	4.1
Johnson	2.2
Shelby	2.9
Fayette	6.3
Vigo	7.7
Clay	5.0
Owen	4.9
Decatur	3.6
Franklin	3.0
Sullivan	8.3
Greene	4.0
Monroe	3.5
Brown	2.5
Bartholomew	3.6
Ripley	2.9
Dearborn	2.9
Lawrence	4.1
Jackson	3.2
Jennings	2.9
Jefferson	4.9
Switzerland	4.3
Knox	8.2
Daviess	5.1
Martin	5.9
Washington	5.2
Orange	6.9
Scott	8.2
Clark	4.6
Pike	5.4
Dubois	1.2
Crawford	7.9
Floyd	5.3
Gibson	3.4
Posey	4.6
Vanderburgh	7.6
Warrick	2.5
Spencer	2.8
Perry	3.3
Harrison	3.7

State Average 5.0%

5.0% or more

APPENDIX

PROGRAM CHANGES DURING STATE FISCAL YEAR 1999 AFFECTING INDIANA'S FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

10-01-98	Income limits and allotment levels were adjusted.	USDA Regulations
10-01-98	Change Reporting requirements for households certified for more than three months was increased to a threshold of \$80 per month change in earned income	State Waiver
11-01-98	Restoration of Food Stamps to Certain Immigrants	Public Law 105-185